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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITEE

- 1. AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, INC. (AFSC) IS
 ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH IN DAKAR A REGIONAL OFFICE WHICH WOULD
 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AFSC ACTIVITIES IN SIX WEST AFRICAN
 COUNTRIES. TWO REPS OF COMMITTEE, GERRY GOODRICH AND SUSAN
 CAUGHMAN, HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE ABOUT 1 DECEMBER. THEIR
 PROPOSED PROGRAMS WOULD FOCUS ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.
- 2. GOODRICH AND CAUGHMAN HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOS IS RELUCTANT TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE UNLESS EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNICATION DESCRIBING AFSC. UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS, AMBASSADOR PROPOSES TO SEND FOREIGN MINISTER A LETTER WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:
- 3. QUOTE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE IS PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1917 BY RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS). TODAY, WITH INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT 1501 CHERRY STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 19102, AFSC HAS TEN REGIONAL OFFICES ACROSS UNITED STATES AND 17 PROGRAM OPERATIONS OVERSEAS. IT IS CHARTERED TO CARRY ON RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, SOCIAL, PHILANTHROPIC AND RELIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN QUAKERS. FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AFSC WORKERS HAVE FED AND HEALED CIVILIAN VICTIMS IN ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, NEAR EAST, AND AFRICA (INCLUDING ALGERIA, NIGERIA AND ZAMBIA). IN 1947, AFSC, TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL OF BRITAIN, RECEIVED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. UNQUOTE.

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